

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 839 - HB 937

April 14, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (007533): Authorizes Washington County to participate in a pilot project to use convenient voting centers upon approval by a supermajority of the county election commission for federal, state, and local elections.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase Local Expenditures –

\$77,500/FY23-24/Washington County Election Commission/Permissive

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-3-302(a), certain county election commissions are authorized to create a program that establishes convenient voting centers within the county for federal, state, and local elections held in 2022. The proposed legislation extends such authorization to Washington County.
- This fiscal analysis assumes that such authorization will apply in subsequent elections.
- Based on information provided by the Washington County Election Commission (Commission), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources.
- The proposed legislation will only be enacted upon approval by a supermajority of the Commission, and therefore any local impact is assumed to be permissive.
- The Commission will require additional computers, printers, routers, IT personnel, printing, and postage, which will result in an estimated permissive one-time increase in local expenditures of \$77,500 in FY23-24.
- Since Washington County has already started to reduce its number of precincts in preparation for convenient voting centers and has already experienced savings from these changes, there will be no significant decrease in local expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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